

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 13, 1862.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, reported the following joint resolution ; which was read and passed to a second reading.

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**JOINT RESOLUTION**

To provide for the presentation of “medals of honor” to the enlisted men of the army and volunteer forces who have or who may distinguish themselves in battle during the present rebellion.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the President of the United State be, and he is hereby,  
4       authorized to cause two thousand “medals of honor” to be  
5       prepared with suitable emblematic devices, and to direct that  
6       the same be presented, in the name of Congress, to such non-  
7       commissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish  
8       themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like  
9       qualities, during the present insurrection. And that the sum  
10      of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropri-  
11      ated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appro-  
12      priated, for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect.